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The Fire

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(A/N: had to do some editing for Y/N)

"Woo-hooo!" I shouted as I twirled through the night sky with my best friend Jake as Jewel and Roberto were dancing near us.

It was Dance Night between the tribes, and my tribe was already best friends with the spix macaw tribe. Me and Jewel both had a crush on Berto and Jakey, the guys always trading flirts with us.

"Hey there baby girl, nice moves." Berto greeted in his smooth voice. "I'll say! That chest puff and tail swing was quite a sight!" Jakey exclaimed, smirking as he looked me up and down. "Oh hush, you!" We all laughed, trading dance partners, exchanging playful flirts, until we smelled smoke.

"What's that..?" Suddenly a burnt tree fell, almost crushing a group of birds nearby. Everybody started panicking and quickly flying away from the flames. "Jewel! (Y/N)!" I heard Jewel's father calling for Jewel, and my father calling for me. "Dad?? Uncle Eduardo?!" I called out.

They eventually emerged from the smoke, Eduardo quickly picking up Jewel and me as my father picked up Roberto and Jake. "We gotta make sure everyone is safe! Roberto, Jake, you two strong birds help Wesley send the citizens to us! Jewel, (Y/N), stay under my wings!" Me and Jewel ducked under Eduardo's wings as we sat on a tree branch, Eduardo shouting at the fleeing birds on where to go to safety.

Eventually the smoke overtook us, Jewel slipped and fell as we were holding wings, taking me with her. We managed to fly before we could crash upon the ground, but we couldn't see

through the smoke. "Where did Uncle Eduardo say to go to safety again?? Left?" I asked as I squinted my eyes through the smoke. "No, I think it was right!" We went right, only to be greeted with the edge of the forest where a bunch of humans stood trying to extinguish the fire.

All of a sudden a net caught us, and next thing we knew we found ourselves being transported to Rio de Janeiro.

(A short introduction on how you found yourself in Rio!)

The Meeting

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Managing to escape the box upon arrival, we spent the next year getting used to the city, building connections, eventually bumping into two birds with a big beak that were dancing and a cardinal and yellow canary who were all jamming out to the blasting music, the music blasting around them with humans on the streets celebrating, dancing, weird mobiles slowly driving through the streets.

~*Nico's POV*~

It's Carnival night, Pedro and I are jamming while Rafael and Eva are dancing to their heart's content. All of a sudden, the most gorgeous laugh I had ever heard hit my ears, causing my head to snap up as I was met with the most gorgeous pair of (e/c) eyes. She looked like an angel with her (insert color) feathers.

~*(Y/N)'s POV*~

"Hey Ju-Ju, what kind of bird is that?" I asked as I pointed to the one with the large beak who was dipping another bird with a large beak. "Don't you remember George?" "Well yeah but nobody ever told me what type of bird he was." "A toucan, girl!" "Oh.." Me and Jewel laughed, catching the toucans and other birds attention. "Well well, de onde você veio?" (Where did you come from?) The cardinal asked as him and the yellow canary flew up to us.

"I could say the same for your friend there." I winked at the handsome Yellow Canary. "I'm (Y/N), and this is my best friend Jewel." "You ladies sure do look like precious jewels." The Yellow Canary spoke in a handsome voice. The toucan cleared his throat as he stepped in front of them. "Well. I'm Rafael, nice to meet you girls, those two flirts over there are Pedro and Nico, and this beauty right here is my precious wife, Eva."

Rafael said as he dipped the female toucan, Eva.

My eyes lit up at his kindness. "Why it's very nice to meet you, Rafael! You already feel like an uncle to me." Jewel snickered. "What? It's true!" "Well, you girls look pretty tense. Why not get those tail-feathers loose?" "Oh no no no, we haven't danced in a while." I tried to quickly turn them down, but Jewel's been wanting to dance for a long time now. "C'mon, (Y/N), we haven't danced in ages since the fire! Where'd that dancing spirit in you go?"

"With Jakey and Berto.." I sighed. "Hun, I miss them too but c'mon, we gotta move on." "...Alright, fine." The men cheered as they led me and Jewel to a huge covered area. Ducking inside, we found birds partying inside and music blasting. "Welcome to paradise." Nico said before him and Pedro flew off to the front. Nico announced through the crowd, "E ai, galera? (What's up guys?) Listen up everyone! We have some special guests that seem to be from out of town! So let's show them some love because I don't think they dance much."

Pedro flew above the party-goers as he shouted "Yo-yo-yo! Everybody put their wings together and clap them as loud as you can! Flap em, clap em, I don't care slap em." I felt myself drawn towards Nico, flying to where he was currently getting ready for the show.

"Party in the Ipanema, baby."

He said as he tilted his hat to me before him and Pedro started banging the pretend drums. Nico began singing as he grabbed my wings and we danced.

I wanna party

I wanna samba

I wanna party

I wanna samba

I wanna party

And live my life (my life)

I wanna party (party)

And fly~

We launched into the air, twirling each other about before coming back down as Nico took off his hat and played it as a tambourine.

Imma fly,

Fly just like a bird

(But you are a bird!)

Oh yeah your right so let me fly just like a rocket then

(Okay)

Nico stands on one end of a spoon with me as we continue to shake our tail-feathers as he sings in that gorgeous voice of his before Pedro jumps on the other end of the spoon, launching us into the air.

Fly so high where I need to come down for oxygen

(Hey!)

As his hat starts to fall off while we're in the air, I grab it and wear it on my head, tipping it to Nico while smirking and winking at him.

Cause once we start it baby ain't no (ain't no) stoppin it

(Hey!)

Cause I just wanna live my life and party

(Hey!)

He sings as he tosses me off a small edge. I land easily as he slides down a plank and takes back his hat as we continue

dancing.

All I want is to be free and rock my body

(Okay)

I've been around the world and I wanna live my life

In Rio

Cause in Rio

Cause in Rio, I realize

I wanna party (party)

I wanna samba (party)

I wanna party (party)

And Fly!

I sing the last line with him before Pedro jumps into his part

I'm that samba samba masta masta masta masta masta

Who shouts out

Imma get your blaster blaster blaster blaster blaster

You dance fast but I dance faster faster faster faster faster

You're too slow

You need to catch up

You can dance and dance but I,

Nico takes over the singing, my voice joining in with him.

I wanna party (party)

I wanna samba (party)

I wanna party (party)

I wanna samba (party)

I wanna party (party)

And live my life (my life)

I wanna party (party)

And fly~

Everybody starts singing!

Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey

(Pedro squawks)

Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey

(Pedro squawks)

Nico twirls me and flings me into the air as I start to fly, him flying after me until we're chest to chest and slowly twirling together as I begin to sing.

Laya laya laya laya~

Nico hums

(Oooooo~)

Laya laya laya laya laya laya laya laya~

Everyone else but us are singing "Hey hey hey!" as we continue flying, just staring in each other's eyes.

In the next moment, I suddenly find myself mouth to mouth with Nico as we land share a small kiss. After a while we break apart and stare into each other's eyes lovingly until Nico breaks the silence.

"You know, when I first laid eyes on you, you were just so

gorgeous, and right now your shining more than ever before!" I giggled, blushing and quickly looking away before I came back with a come back. "Well you sure aren't bad looking yourself." Now it was his turn to blush as he chuckled and we resumed our dancing.

At one point when Nico dipped me, my eyes caught some sort of a female Violet-green swallow flying overhead and I heard as she landed right next to Nico. Hearing kissing noises and not being pulled back up, I looked to Nico, only to find the swallow and him making out as the swallow was holding his face in place.

Getting pissed off, I immediately ripped my wing from Nico's as I quickly flew off, finding Jewel dancing with a group of birds. Ignoring the tears and shoving the pain down, I casually walked up to them as I landed. "Hey Jewel! I see you made some friends, eh?" "Hahah, yeah! Woo!" Jewel cheered as she twirled herself. Smiling, I joined in, shaking my tail feathers as we both held wings and began twirling each other.

Letting each other go, we began taking turns showing off our dance moves. When Jewel had her back to me, dancing with her other friends, I felt a tap on my shoulder. Turning around, I looked the red-winged blackbird up and down. He was quite a handsome fella. "Hello. Can I help you?" I asked as I politely smiled and tilted my head. "Yes. Yes you can." The red winged blackbird said in a deep voice.

The Misunderstanding

[image]

"I couldn't help but notice a gorgeous thing such as yourself dancing without that Yellow Canary you were with earlier. May I take his spot?" The red winged blackbird smirked as he slowly walked closer to me. "With pleasure.." I smiled as he held my wings and began dancing with me as he sung,

Just something about you

The way I'm lookin' at you, whatever

You keep lookin' at me

I gulped as he dipped me.

You getting' scared now, right?

Don't fear me baby, it's just destiny

It feels good right?

Listen.

He then twirled me, catching me before I could fall into another party-goer.

I kind of noticed, something wasn't right

From your colorful face

It's kind of weird to me

Since you're so fine

If it's up to me your face will change

If you smile then that should set the tone

Just be limber

And if you let go the music should groove your bones

Just remember

Sing this song with me

Ain't nobody love you like I love you

You're a good girl and that's what makes me trust ya

Late at night I talk to you

You will know the difference when I touch you..

We were now far away from Jewel and her friends. He was holding me as I had my back to him, one of my wings slung around his neck while my other wing was holding his right wing that was planted on my stomach. We were staring into each other's eyes as I felt his left wing start going lower and lower when suddenly a flash of grey and red passed by me as he was suddenly ripped from my wings.

My supporter being gone, I felt myself begin to fall until something caught me around the wings as they helped steady me. Looking down at my wings, I recognized those yellow, brown tipped wings. Anger immediately flew through me as my head shot around to see Pedro shoving that seductive and mysterious bird far away from us.

"Que diabos, Nico!?" (What the hell, Nico?!) I cursed as I shoved him away from me. "Ai acalme-se, hun! Qual e o seu problema?" (Oh calm down, hun! What's your problem?) Nico said as he regained his balance. I scoffed and laughed at his statement. "My problem?! Oh, I don't know, maybe cause the bird I'm in the middle of dancing with starts making out with some other bird! And as I'm cheering up from it, having fun while keeping my mind away from that bullshit with someone else, you idiotas (assholes) take him away from me! He didn't even do anything!"

I shouted while jabbing a wing-feather (imagine it being the version of a human finger) at him before turning and crossing my wings in anger while Nico looked at me in disbelief. "You really think I'm that kind of bird?? I couldn't even get out of her hold until you flew off and I could shove her off of me!" "Well you sure as hell seemed to be that 'type of bird'!" I mocked.

"And that bird you were with just now? He was about to touch you! Yeah, I saw his wing trying to go down there on you! And you didn't even try to stop him! What the hell, bebe?" (baby?) He asked in disbelief. I scoffed and rolled my eyes. "Well what if I WANTED him to touch me, huh? I haven't been with anyone in a year and a half, dammit! I deserve to have my pleasure!"

I started getting antsy and twitching from the embarrassment, my cheeks puffed out and probably furiously blushing. Did it suddenly get hot in here, or what? My gaze snapped back up to Nico as he cleared his throat. "W-Well, what if I could help with that?" My jaw dropped in disbelief. "Are you..." I whispered before anger took over. "KIDDING ME?!?!" I screamed at him, the urge to slap him itching at my wings.

Nico winced, rubbing his ears. "O que??" (What??) "First you make out with some other chick, then shove away MY date, and now you're offering to sleep with me?! You must REALLY wanna torture me tonight.." I seethed. "I don't even understand why I'm so upset about that swallow when all we were doing is dancing, nothing else, nothing more. You're technically still just a stranger to me." I sighed as I rambled.

I gasped in surprise as I felt my body being swung. Looking up into Nico's hazel eyes, I saw him smirk as he twirled me and began to sing,

Your eyes, so glittering (insert eye color)

Sour (insert fruit that would match your eye color), but you taste so sweet baby

You got hips like Jagger and two left feet

As I tore myself away and was starting to walk away, I felt Nico grab me and twirl me as I was slammed into his chest, looking up into those pleading hazel eyes. Sighing and relenting, he smiled as he twirled me again.

And I wonder if you'd like to meet.

Your voice is velvet through a telephone

You can come to mine

But both my roommates are home

Think I know a bar

Where they would leave us alone

And I wonder if you'd take it slow

I laughed when he shook his tail feathers slowly as he slowly spun me.

Oh, we're dancing in my living room

And up come my wings

And I say, "I'm only playing"

But the truth is this

That I've never seen a mouth

That I would kill to kiss

And I'm terrified, but I can't resist

And I say

His tone went soft as he quietly sung,

Beautiful stranger

Here you are in my wings and I know

That beautiful strangers

Only come along to do me wrong

And I hope, beautiful stranger,

Here you are in my wings

But I think it's finally,

Finally, finally, finally, finally

Safe for me to fall

Oh-oh-oh

Oh-oh-oh

"My beautiful stranger, are you willing to fall for me as well?" Nico asked in a hushed voice as he dipped me with his face close to mine. "As long as there's no more kissing other birds." I said before he crashed his mouth against mine, kissing me deeply. I heard a chorus of "Aww"'s all around us. Helping me stand back up, I felt dazed as I looked around, realizing most birds were watching us.

My cheeks flamed in embarrassment as Jewel and Pedro came up to us. "Menina (girl) that was crazy!" Jewel exclaimed while Pedro was high-fiving Nico in the background. "Tell me about it. Nico really knows how to make a bird swoon and forget everything else." I sighed dreamily, before I saw Pedro. "Hey, Pedro, what'd you do with that other fella?"

"Remember that swallow from earlier?" Ignoring the anger, I tried to keep my voice steady. "Yeah..?" "Turns out she was just a crazy fan of Nico's. Noite is keeping her busy, though." "Who's Noite?" I asked as I tilted my head. "That blackbird you were with earlier." Nico said with venom in his tone, calming himself down as he then said, "He's a flirt with all the ladies, really."

I smirked. "Sounds like someone's feathers are standing up."

Nico scoffed but smiled when he caught eyes with me. "Well yeah, just as you got mad over the swallow kissing me, I'll get mad at the blackbird for almost-" I laughed when his eye twitched in irritation at just the thought. "Calm down, minha luz do sol. (my sunlight) Let's be glad it didn't happen."

Nico paused. I blushed as I looked around, seeing Pedro had flown off to rap for the crowd while Jewel had winked at me and flew off to re-join her friends from before. "Did- did you just call me your sunlight..?" Nico stuttered. My heart dropped at what I thought was a bad reaction. "S-Sorry, it just slipped. I didn't mean to-"

I was cut off as Nico crashed his mouth onto mine, kissing me into silence. Breaking apart for air, Nico smoothly said, "I love that nickname. You are meu luar (my moonlight), as I am your luz solar. (sun light)" I sighed dreamily as I smiled up at him, crashing my mouth onto his for another heart fluttering kiss.

Kidnapped

Sadly, all good things come to an end eventually. The birds started retiring to their nests, leaving Jewel, Rafael, Eva, Pedro, and Nico and I. "Well, I'm glad you girls had fun." Rafael smiled at our beaming faces. "But I gotta get my wife home now. Cya guys tomorrow!" "You fellas have fun!" A sleepy Eva called as they flew off. "Bye Rafi! Bye Ev!" I called after them as they flew off. "Yeah, I'm feeling pretty pooped out too.." Pedro sighed.

I yawned as I rested my head on Nico's shoulder, already half-asleep. The only thing that kept me from passing out was that we were standing and Nico started slightly nudging me with the wing that he had around my shoulders. "Meu luar (my moonlight), it's getting late. You should go home and get some rest."

"What home? My home burned a long time ago with my tribe.." I said without thinking. The air suddenly felt tense, causing me to half-open one eye. "What..?" "Geez, way to kill the chill mood, girly." Pedro said. Jewel face-palmed. "(Y/N), don't ramble like you usually do."

"Yeah, yeah, alright." I sighed as I waved a wing, quickly lifting myself from Nico since he wasn't saying anything, making me feel awkward and mortified, my body all of a sudden burning from the embarrassment, making me wanna jump into the ocean. "Luar-" (Moonlight-)

I turned around to find Nico reaching out for me, grabbing me and pulling me back into his chest as he hugged me. "It's alright, I'm not judging you." I sighed as I nuzzled into his chest, feeling safe and protected under his wings. "Well, if you don't have a home then do you wanna stay with us?" Pedro asked. "Yeah. Where have you guys been staying, anyways?"

"Oh, no need to worry, we've been pulling through, found a temporary place to stay for lord knows how long until we find.. I don't know. Honestly, we don't know where to go from here." Jewel sighed in defeat.

I yawned and nuzzled into Nico's soft, fluffy chest, content with being with this handsome bird. I only met him today, and yet he feels like my soul-mate, and I feel completely content and safe with him. "Ju-Ju?" I spoke as I tried my best to shake the sleepiness off of me as I looked towards my best friend. "Yeah, hun?" "What are our plans?" "What do you mean?"

"Are we gonna go back to Amazon anytime soon? Or, or stay here?" I felt torn. I missed my family, my friends, and my home, but I also loved Nico and wasn't ready to leave him. Unless he left me, I felt my place was here with him. "To be honest, it doesn't feel like anybody else is.. Out there. Like there's nothing left in Amazon for us, and I won't dare to hope that there is, only for there to be nothing. Let's stay here and make this our home, hm?"

"Yay!" I fist bumped the air as I ran to Jewel and hugged her. "Now, let's get your lil sleepy butt home and you'll see your man tomorrow." "Yes ma'am." I said as we started heading out of the empty bird-club, my eyes immediately looking up to the night-sky. "So gorgeous.." I sighed.

Feeling a presence behind me, I looked back to see Nico and Pedro coming out of the club, Nico walking towards me. "Nico?" "Sim, meu anjo?" (Yes, my angel?) I looked away with embarrassment until I looked back to him, gathering up my courage. "Would you ever leave me?" I watched anxiously as Nico hummed, looking away before looking back at me. "Never, mi amor. (my love) I've never had a connection like this with another bird before, and I don't plan to move on anytime soon."

"What- What if I disappear someday, and don't come back for a while...?" "Why are you asking, minha luz? (my light?)" Nico asked as he wrapped his wings around me in a hug. "Honestly, I don't know.. I just have this really bad feeling, like

something's gonna happen to me.." I shook, trying to shake the unknown fear off.

"Ai meu amor (Oh my love), as long as you're with me, I'll protect you with my last breath." I sighed with happiness as I nuzzled him. "Thank you, minha luz do sol (my sunshine). I appreciate that." "Of course. Now, go get on home and I'll see you tomorrow, okay?" "Okay.." I sighed as we kissed one last time before I flew off, joining Jewel who was waiting for me in the air.

Me and Jewel were quietly flying in the air until Jewel broke the silence. "So.. Nico, eh?" "Hehe, yeah.." "I thought you were worried about Roberto and Jake earlier." "Trust me, I still am, but, well, it's been years. They've probably already found mates by now if their still alive, and I am completely content with Nico. Besides, to be honest, I don't even know if Nico really wants to take this relationship seriously or if I'm just a short-time thing since we've only just met, but I'm gonna enjoy this while it still lasts."

"Well, (Y/N), I'm glad you've finally found someone for the time being. You're way too independent sometimes, menina (girl). You need to depend on someone every now and again." "Well, what if he doesn't want me depending on him? I'm perfectly fine with being independent besides needing comfort every now and again.."

"Haha, yeah, sure, whatever." Me and Jewel laughed as we finally landed in front of our makeshift home. "So, my turn to get the food tonight, right Ju-Ju?" "Yeah. Do you remember what I taught you?" "Jesus christ lady, yes! This is my 5th time gathering. I'm pretty sure I know what I need to by now." "Alright.." "I'll be perfectly fine." "You better!" I laughed as I took off to the nearby Brazil nut tree.

Eventually making it to the Brazil nut tree, I a Brazil nut for me and Jewel to split before setting off back home. As I landed in front of the nest, it looked ransacked, and was deathly silent. "Ju-Ju..?" I asked as I cautiously stepped inside, dropping the Brazil nut.

All of a sudden my neck was grabbed and I felt my body being dragged out of the nest and hanging in the air. Hearing struggling next to me, I looked to my right to see Jewel, her neck wrapped in a foot that had large talons as well. "Un-hand us you bastard!" Jewel shouted at the unknown bird. "Oh pretty birdie, I'll unhand you once we get to our destination."

Me and Jewel looked at each other and I started counting down with my right wing while mouthing '3..2..1!' we immediately started scratching the hell out of him with both of our talons until he finally let go from the pain. As we fell, we both clung on to our wings. "Did he scratch your wing too, Spirit?" "Yeah, and boy does it hurt like hell.." The conversation ended as we hit the ground hard, knocking us unconscious.

(A/N: I'm too lazy to write the scene so, Marcel had spotted Jewel and (Y/N) flying around the city, knowing that they were both the supposed last females of their species so he sent good ol Nigel after them.)

Healing

[image]

When I awoke, I found myself in a pair of human hands. Immediately freaking out, I quickly scrambled up and attempted to fly, only to wince at the small gash in my right wing. "Hey, hey, shh, shh." The human softly spoke to me. I looked up to find it was a male with short brown hair and hazel eyes with glasses. Jewel was attacking someone behind him, some other humans rushing to help get her off of him.

"Jewel!!" I shouted to her, causing her to immediately look in my direction. "(Y/N)!" Ignoring the pain in her wing, she immediately flew over to me and landed next to me, completely ignoring the humans as she hugged me. "(Y/N) I was so scared! You weren't waking up for such a long time and they were trying to separate us oh my gosh!"

We paused as we heard the humans talking. "They won't stand to be apart from each other. We'll just have to stick them in the same cage." "Fascinating!" The man who was currently holding us said as he stared at us, making cooing noises. All of a sudden he put bird seed in his mouth and chewed before opening his mouth to us. "Uh.. No thanks." I said as I leaned away from his open mouth.

Giving up and giving it to the other birds around us, we were eventually pushed into a gorgeous small enclosure that had tree's and a pond, but me and Jewel weren't interested in being someone's entertainment. No, we wanted our freedom. Eventually finding an air vent, I went and found a rock, handing it to Jewel as she started bashing it into the air vent, but it barely dented it at all.

~*Tulio's POV*~

One of my coworker's was taking a vacation in Minnesota, Moose Lake, when she saw a male Spix Macaw and male (insert

bird type) in a bookstore! They're the last males of their kinds for all we know, and we have the last females. This is the perfect opportunity! I hummed with happiness as I started passing by the bookstore when I looked into the window and saw the male Macaw and (insert bird type) both sitting there about to eat a hot cocoa dipped cookie.

"Arara! Arara!" (Macaw! Macaw!) I shouted with joy until I slipped on some ice, causing my face to slam into the window.

~*Linda's POV*~

"Are you alright?" I asked the man as I helped him inside. "I'm not really built for this weather." He shivered. "Oh. Are you looking for some books?" I tried asking. "Books? No" The man chuckled. "No. I have come 6,000 miles looking for them." He said as he pointed to my Blue Macaw, Blu, and (insert bird type) , Gilbert. "Blu and Gilbert?"

~*Time Skip to when Blu and Gilbert are in their cage in Tulio's jeep in Rio, stopped at the red light*~

~*Nico's POV*~

"Oba! La, la, la, la. E, e, ei!" (Hey! La, la, la la. And, and, hey!) I sang as I hit my cap in my wings like a tambourine, Pedro silently dancing next to me as we both flew off the cage and greeted the Spix Macaw and (insert bird type) that- that looked just like Spirit! Playing it cool, I greeted them. "E ai? Tudo bom?" (What's up? It's okay?) "Oh, um.." The Blue Macaw stuttered as he started looking around the cage.

I watched with patience as the (insert bird type) handed him a Portuguese translation book. Grabbing it but dropping it, the blue macaw stuttered some more as he gave up and looked at us and said slowly, "I am not from here.." I laughed as the (insert bird type) face-palmed. "Hey, Nico, their tourists!" Pedro said from my side. "Funny, you guys don't look like one." I said. "Really?" The (insert bird type) asked.

"I- I don't.." The Blue macaw stuttered again. "Except you got

pigeon doo-doo on your nose.." Pedro said, disgusted. "Oh, no, it's just SPF-3000" The Blue Macaw said as he and the (insert bird type) quickly wiped it off their beaks. "So are you here for Carnival?" I asked. "Oh, actually, we're here to meet a-" The Blue Macaw started, getting shy at the thought. "A girl for him and a girl for me."

The (insert bird type) finished while smirking. "Ohh, a girl, eh? Little word of advice: you make the first move. Brazilian ladies respond to confidence." I said as I puffed out my chest and spun Pedro in my wings, a pang flashing through my heart as a flash of (Y/N) being spinned in my wings flashed through my mind before leaving. "Oh, right." The Blue Macaw said as he looked at the ground for a second.

Kidnapped Again

[image]

~*Time Skip to when Gilbert and Blu are being carried through the bird sanctuary in their cage as Tulio is talking to Linda.*~

~*Third Person's POV*~

"So, where's Jewel and (Y/N)?" Linda asked as she continued looking around while following Tulio. "Oh, we have a special place for Jewel and (Y/N). Jewel is a very spirited bird and refuses to leave (Y/N)'s side." Tulio explained. "I'll say.." An Aviary Intern said as he overheard their conversation, turning around with a sigh, showing off all of his cuts and bruises from Jewel. Gilbert laughed at Blu's face. "Oh man are you gonna have fun!" Blu started panicking. "She did that?! Oh, charming. Okay, I wanna go home now!" Blu squawked, alerting Linda and Tulio as Tulio tried to calm him down. "No, no, don't worry. I'm going to make you look irresistible."

~*(Y/N)'s POV*~

Me and Jewel were curled up together, asleep, when we both woke up with a start at the sound of the chute slamming closed, someone banging on it shortly afterwards. It's been four months since we were locked up in here and we've barely made a big enough dent in the air vent for us to fit through. As we started flying over to investigate, we heard a male shout "Linda!"

"What's a Linda?" I asked Jewel. "I have no idea.." She said as we camped on a tree branch, watching. I was surprised to see a Spix Macaw and (insert bird type) walk past underneath us as the lights turned on. The macaw looked nervous while the (insert bird type) looked sketchy. The (insert bird type) started wandering off, away from the macaw, leaving him alone and vulnerable.

I watched as Jewel flew off the branch and towards him. He was absolutely smitten by her at first sight, not even realizing what was happening until she got closer to him and tackled him down by the throat before he could run. "Quem é você? Que que você está fazendo aqui?" (Who are you? What are you doing here?) She asked as he started choking.

I bristled as I saw the (insert bird type) running towards them. Quickly flying down as fast as I could, I tackled him down right before he could tackle Jewel, causing myself to land right next to Jewel in the same position as her with my foot slightly pressed against the (insert bird type) 's throat. "De onde ele veio?" (Where'd he come from?) Jewel asked me. "Nao sei, mas ele tentou atacar você." (I don't know, but he tried to attack you.) I answered as I death glared at the choking (insert bird type) . "Y-Your standing on our throats.."

The blue macaw managed to get out loud enough for Jewel to hear, causing her to quickly step off of him. "Oh, you're an American!" Jewel exclaimed in surprise as she looked him over. "Thanks. I need my throat for talking, so thank you." The macaw said with a hoarse voice as he looked up at Jewel while she lifted his wing, continuing to inspect him. "You look just like me.." She observed in disbelief.

Feeling weak tapping on my leg, I quickly jumped off of the (insert bird type) when I realized I was still choking him, almost killing him. "Oh I'm so sorry! Are you okay?" I quickly asked as he quickly stood up and gasped for breath. "Y-yeah.. Damn, girl, you're strong." He said after catching his breath and smirking at me. Looking him up and down, I realized he was a (insert bird type) just like me, with my same exact patterns. One particular pattern/color looked just like mine, and my father always told me how I got it from my mother, Panaia.

"Hey, does your mother go by the name of 'Panaia'?" I asked, unsure. I watched as Gilbert's eyes widened. "I haven't heard that name since I was just a baby chick. How do you know her..?" "Because she's my mother as well!" I cheered. "Wait! Your (Y/N), the daughter my mom always talked about! Now I

know why your name sounded so familiar!" "Haha! Yeah!! I didn't know she even knew about me!" I laughed with excitement.

"Are you kidding?? She never stopped talking about you! She always wondered what ever happened to you and dad, hoping you guys were doing okay while we were in Rio with mom's best friend and kid!" My heart dropped at the memory of dad. "Dad.. I don't even know if he's alive.." I sighed as I looked at the ground. "Oh no.. Do you wanna talk about it later, sis?" "Yeah-" I perked up at the familiar sound of the air vent.

"C'mon." I said as I flew to where Jewel and Blu were, flying in just in time to witness Blu trying to kiss Jewel. Realizing Gilbert wasn't flying behind me, I looked down in confusion as I saw him climbing up the tree. "What are you doing..?" I asked in confusion as I landed next to him. "Oh, me and Blu don't know how to fly. When we were captured by smugglers we were just little chicks and hadn't been taught how to fly yet.

Panaia and Jinli (A/N: I just randomly came up with that name for Blu's mother. Idk what her actual name is or if it was ever mentioned..) were out gathering food when we were caught, so lord knows where they are now.." "Oh, man, I'm so sorry to hear that.." "Oh it's alright, sis." I stopped and slowly peered around Gilbert at the sound of Say You Say Me by Lionel Richie playing. Jewel looked offended while Blu was dancing. "Naturally.. Yeah sing it Lionel." Blu said before Jewel tackled him to the ground as they began fighting. "Meu Deus.." (My God..) I sighed and face-palmed.

Later that night me and Jewel were trying to break the air vent while Gilbert was watching and Blu was sleeping until he stirred awake. "Excuse me. Please. I am trying to sleep." Blu called up to us. "Oh, I'm sorry, sleepyhead. I'm trying to escape." Jewel snapped at him. "Escape? Why? This cage is awesome." Blu said as he looked around.

"This cage?" Jewel then laughed. "Oh, what was I thinking? I wouldn't expect a pet to understand." I could hear the venom dripping when she said 'pet'. "Pet? Did you just call me a pet?

For the record, I am not a pet. I am a companion. And you know what? Do whatever you want, 'cause tomorrow morning, Linda will come for me and this whole nightmare will be over." At that Jewel dropped her rock in anger as she flew towards Blu.

"Incredible. You would rather be with a-a-a-human than with your own kind!" "Well, that human has given me love and affection for the past 15 years, whereas my own kind tried to strangle me after 15 seconds!" Blu exclaimed in anger. "Yeah, well, because of them, I've lost everything. You can't trust them!" Jewel said in anger. I sighed as I placed down my rock and flew over to Jewel.

"Hey, hun, calm down. Don't worry about the humans, okay?" Jewel shushed me, making me get a little bit angry. "Hey, I didn't do anything to y-" "(Y/N)! Look!" Jewel pointed toward the door that was opening. I gasped as we both quickly flew to it to investigate and try to escape, only for a bird to quickly grab us and shove us into some sort of cage. "Got you.." A familiar voice said in victory.

I looked up just in time to see the fleeting form of an ugly cockatoo. "Jewel, was that-" "The same bird that took us from our home in the first place? Yeah.." I felt myself shake with anger and hatred, thirsty for revenge. That bastard took me away from my Nico! Lord knows what the poor precious babe could be thinking of my disappearance.

That I left him, or I died, or something.. My anger then turned into complete depression at the thought of him moving on. I was startled from my thoughts as I heard struggling. Looking up, I watched as a tanned hand opened the cage door only for that same cockatoo to be slamming Gilbert into the cage. "Oh ceus.." (Oh gosh..) I sighed.

Escaped

[image]

~*Time Skip to after Nigel finishes singing cause I'm lazy*~

"Hey!" Blu shouts when Nigel slammed Jewel into all of us, knocking us off our feet. "Sweet nightmares." Nigel laughs as he flies away. "Not cool, man! Scary, but not cool!" Blu shouted at the air where Nigel once stood. "Hey, are you okay?" He then worriedly asked Jewel. "No, I am definitely not okay!" Jewel shouted as she then started ramming her body against the cage. I quickly followed her lead as we both combined our strength together to try to magically break through. "Whoa! Whoa, whoa, wait, wait. What are you doing?" Gilbert asked. "Getting out of here." I grunted as I flung my body against the cage again.

"Are you gonna help us or what?" Jewel snapped. "A-a-actually, all the survival guides say to sit and wait-- ow!-- and-and help will come." Blu tried stating. "No one is coming!" Jewel screamed as she started using more strength, throwing herself more violently at the cage."We are on our own, and if we just sit here, we're going to die!" Jewel and I threw our bodies at the cage again, managing to get it to make a loud noise as it smashed against the wall before swinging back again. "Stop, stop. Why don't you just open the door?" Blu slides open the cage door with his beak.

"Are you kidding me?" Jewel panted, out of breath. "What? It's just a standard flip slide bolt. Just rotate..." Blu began explaining until Jewel dragged him out of the cage as she said "Come on! Let's fly!" I followed Jewel's lead, flying after her, only for the both of us to stop. Looking back, I found Blu and Gilbert both clinging onto the cage with their beaks. "What are you doing?" I snapped at them. "I can't.." Blu began saying. "What? You can't what?" Jewel snapped impatiently. Our heads snapped towards the door at the sound of it slamming open

where Nigel was dragging in Tipa and Armando.

Blu shouted, "I can't fly!" as he and Gilbert let go of the cage as we all fell, me and Gilbert shortly behind Jewel and Blu as we were sliding across a washline, a pink bra smacking Gilbert in the face after Blu shoved it off of his face. "You couldn't tell me this before now?" Jewel shouted at Blu. "It didn't matter before now!" Blu tried defending himself before they crashed into a wall, me and Gilbert crashing into them shortly afterwards as we all fell down, Gilbert and Blu in one box filled with pink boxing peanuts as me and Jell fell into an opposite box of packing peanuts.

"Is there anything else I need to know?" Jewel snapped as she picked the packaging peanuts off of her. "Yes. I can't fly, I pick my beak, and once in a while, I pee in the birdbath, Happy?" Blu finished quickly. "There they are!" We snapped our heads as we saw the two henchmen chasing after us. "We gotta get out of here!" I yelled as we started running away, tripping over each other until Blu finally stopped us. "Wait. Wait. Listen to me. Flying may not be my thing, but walking is. Follow my lead. Inside leg, outside leg."

As Jewel and Blu started repeating 'Inside, outside!' Gilbert and I followed their lead closely behind. Seeing a cat up ahead, Gilbert and Blu started barking at it, scaring the cat as it jumped at the humans who were gaining speed until now. "See? We're bilingual, too." Blu said. "Oh, this is great. I'm chained to the only bird in the world who can't fly." Jewel panted. "Actually, there are about 40 species of flightless birds."

"Duck!" Gilbert, Jewel, and I all shouted at the same time. "No, ducks can fly." Blu stated. "No, duck!" I shouted as we all ducked at the same time as we ran under a crate. Eventually, Nigel started getting closer and closer, as Blu and Gilbert started screaming, "Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!" Until we made a sharp turn, making Nigel run into a power-box, which made all the lights in the city go out as a chorus of "Awwwww" went off throughout the city.

~*Time Skip to when they meet Rafael after his kids attack them*~

"What's going on down there?" I jumped up from excitement, almost tripping over mine and Gilbert's chain. I watched, shaking with silent excitement, as Rafael swooped down from a tree and started shooing his kids off of Gilbert, Blu, and Jewel, not noticing me yet. "Go, go go. Off with you." "Daddy, daddy!" The kids cheered as they started jumping all over Rafael.

"Okay, guys, guys... I've told you thousands of times.. Manuela, Sofia, come on, now. Listen to me. Ow! Oh, yeah, right in the eye." "Oh, precious, aren't they?" Jewel said as she and Blu got up. Rafael instantly perked up at the familiar voice. "Jewel..? Is that you, minha amiga?" (my friend?) His eyes then darted over to where Gilbert and I were standing. At this point I was shifting from one foot to another in my excitement. "(Y/N)..?"

"Yeah!" I chirped happily. "Oh man, Nico has been so heartbroken since you left! He's been finally recovering lately but he refused to leave his nest for a while when you didn't show up the first month." "Oh não.. Sinto muito por ouvir isso, nunca quis sair! (Oh no.. I'm sorry to hear that, I never meant to leave!) You said he's recovered now?" "Yes, but don't worry! He absolutely refuses to move on just yet."

We were cut off from Blu giving a loud "Ow!" as one of Rafael's kids ripped off Blu's tail feathers. "What is it with this kid and the feathers?" Blu asked, annoyed. "We have no idea. We're having him tested." Rafael sighed. "So, do you think you could help us get these things off?" Jewel cut in as she lifted her chain and I lifted mine. "Hmm.." Rafael studied it. "Lucky for you, you know Rafael, and Rafael knows everyone."

Suddenly one of his kids landed in his eye, irritating him. "Oh! Again with the eye. Okay, want me to call your mother?" Rafael asked as he planted his wings on his hips. "No!" The kids immediately shouted as they flew off. "Haha. Works every time. They're scared to death of her!" Rafael then shouted in surprise and Jumped as Eva came in from nowhere as she

snapped, "Call me for what?!" "Eva, my love! I must take these four to see Luiz! You remember (Y/N), right?" Eva's squinting eyes brightened up when she spotted me.

"Oi, (Y/N)! Oh it's been so long, girl, how have you been?" "Oh it's been quite an adventure lately, Ev! I'm happy to see that you and Rafi had quite some kids. Congrats!" "Oh obrigado, (Y/N)!" (Oh thank you,) Eva exclaimed happily until she heard cheers in the distance.

"Wait, you just want to sneak off to Carnival, don't you, Rafi??" "Oh, Carnival.." Rafael sighed dreamily as he hugged Blu and Jewel together before approaching Eva and hugging her. "That magical night where I met the most beautiful bird in the world.." "Aw.." I heard Blu say while Jewel turned her head and went "Ugh." Eva tore herself away from Rafael and turned her back to him, only for him to start seducing her.

"I still remember the song that was playing when I first laid eyes on you.. Tall and tanned and young and lovely. The girl from Ipanema goes walking.. Come on baby, sing it!" He encouraged her when he saw her smiling. "And when she passes, each one she passes, goes "Ahhh!"" She then screamed, almost making us all go deaf. "Ohh! I see love is deaf, too." Jewel quietly remarked as she rubbed her ear.

Reunion

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~*Time Skip to as they land in the market square from the mango truck*~

"Rafi.. So many memories.. Well, not many, but pleasant memories.." My eyes started tearing up. "Remind me how Nico and Pedro have been? Has Nico moved on? I understand if so cause I've been gone for... what, four? Five months?" "Ah I don't know how long you've been gone but it's best if you talk to him yourself. You were the sun to his day, the moon to his night, and he was absolutely broken when you never came back.."

~*Third person POV*~

Rafael sighed until Nico and Pedro flew over to him. "Hey, Rafi! If it isn't the king of carnival!" Nico exclaimed happily as he spotted his friend he hadn't seen for a week. "Nico! Pedro! What up, family?" "Where have you been hiding yourself, bird?" Pedro asked. "Man, I thought you were dead!" Nico exclaimed, his smile wavering a bit at the memory of (Y/N). "Hold up! Rewind!" Pedro exclaimed as he spotted Blu and Gilberto. "Ain't these the birds from the cage?" "I think our love lessons went down smooth." Nico said as he walked over to his friend.

Nico froze when he looked Blu's partner up and down, realizing it was Jewel. "J-Jewel..?" Nico stuttered, causing Pedro to stop and look her up and down, as well. "Oh hey girl! Where's, uh, where's (Y/N)?" Pedro asked, lowering his voice when he said (Y/N)'s name as he kept a close eye on Nico's heartbroken face.

~*(Y/N)'s POV*~

"R-Right here.." I squeaked as I came out from behind Rafael,

suddenly feeling tiny like an ant. "(Y/N)? Is that you, my long lost love?" Nico asked as his lower beak dropped open and his wings went slack, dropping down to the floor at his side. "Sim. Na carne e penas, minha luz do sol.." (Yes. In the flesh and feathers, my sunshine..) I said as I walked towards him as much as I could until the chain that was connecting me to Gilbert clinked, not letting me walk any further to him.

I gasped in surprise as I was suddenly picked up. Nico had moved so fast I didn't even see him until he was holding me in his wings as he crashed his mouth on mine for a quick kiss before he started hugging me close to him and nuzzling me like crazy. "Oh my love! I was so worried! I thought that swallow did something to you, or you were so disgusted in me you left without saying anything, or- or-"

I almost cried when I felt his tears falling onto my chest where his head was tucked in-between my neck and my shoulder, his hat having fallen on the ground next to us so it wasn't squished against my face. "Oh meu sol, (Oh my sun,) I was never disgusted in you, not after I forgave you, and I never would've left without saying anything! I was so scared you had moved on!" I exclaimed as I hugged him and cried into his shoulder as well. I then started humming a tune I've been thinking up all those past months to sing to him once we were re-united.

Do you think about me when you're all alone?

The things we used to do, we used to be

I could be the one to make you feel that way

I could be the one to set you free

Do you think about me when the crowd is gone?

It used to be so easy, you and me

I could be the one to make you feel that way

I could be the one to set you free~

Suddenly remembering everybody else surrounding us when I heard someone clear their throat, I quickly wiped my tears and patted Nico on the back as we both straightened ourselves but absolutely refused to let go of each other. "Well! Looks like our love lesson went smooth with the tourist guy over there!" Pedro exclaimed to break the awkwardness. "Baby got beak!" Nico said to play along, winking at me.

"You were locked up and now you're rollin' up with a hot wing! Woo! I wanna be just like you!" Pedro exclaimed. "Oh, no, no! It's not what you think. We're just uh... chained together." Blu hurriedly explained. "Hey, I'm not judging you." Nico said with that sweet voice of his as he pulled me closer into his chest. "Keep it spicy." Pedro waggled his eyebrows at the both of us.

"Oh, yeah." Nico smirked. I giggled as Rafael ignored them and brought up the current problem. "Hey, guys. We're looking for Luiz. Have you seen him?" "Yeah, I saw him, but you didn't, 'cause you just missed him. He took the trolley back to the garage." Pedro answered. "Oh, great." I huffed. "Relax, baby bird. You could catch the next one." Nico casually replied. "Yeah, it's time to take it to the next level." Pedro said to Blu.

"What's wrong with this level?" Blu panicked. "Come on. This ain't the level. The next level's the level. You gotta shake yo tail feathers." "Oh yeah!" Nico chirped in. "Uh, we... we gotta get this chain off first.." Gilbert said, dumbfounded. "Come on, lovebirds. You're in Rio. You should enjoy it!" Rafael said as he started pushing everyone towards the club.

"Yeah, live a little!" Nico said as he winked at me. Upon entering the club, Nico greeted them the same way he did me and Jewel before as he let go of me and flew off with Pedro. "Welcome to paradise!" I attempted to fly after him, only for my chain to clink, reminding me I was chained to Gilbert. Landing next to him, I sighed with disappointment. "Sorry if I made you uncomfortable earlier, bro." "Ey no worries, girl! I get it, you've been gone for months and missed yo mans!"

I laughed until I heard Nico's voice echoing through the crowd, snapping my attention up to him. "E ai, galera? (What's up

guys?) All right everyone, listen up! Rafi has some special guests from out of town, as well as some old acquaintances, and let's show them some love because I don't think they get out much." I laughed at the last sentence.

Catching eye-contact with some birds that were here the last time I was here, they all gave me a "Whoop!" or a thumbs up. Pedro started getting the crowd hyped up, playing the same song they played when me and Jewel first came here. "Hey Gilly, you know how to dance?" "Oh honey I'm the king of dancing!" Gilbert boasted, causing me to laugh. "Oh really? Well let's find out then!" I shouted as Nico started singing, myself quietly singing along.

I wanna party

I wanna samba

I wanna party

I wanna samba

I wanna party

And live my life (my life)

I wanna party (party)

And Fly!

I watched the beautiful scene with pride as Pedro and Nico took off into the air. Turning my attention back to Gilbert, we were both grinning from ear to ear as he spun me.

Imma fly, fly just like a bird

(But you are a bird!)

Oh yeah, your right

So let me fly just like a rocket then (okay)

Fly so high where I need to come down for oxygen (Hey!)

Just as Gilbert let go of my wing as I did another spin away from him, Nico swooped in and grabbed me, starting to dance with me as far away as the chain would let us from Gilbert. I laughed when Nico threw a quick glare to Gilbert.

"Meu amor, ele é apenas meu irmão! (My love, he is just my brother!) Don't worry!" I assured him, causing him to blush with embarrassment before he continued his song as we danced together like the good old days.

Cause once we start it, baby, ain't no ain't no stoppin' then (Hey!)

Cause I just wanna live my life and party (Hey!)

All I want is to be free and rock my body (Okay!) {he sung as he rubbed his chest against mine, causing me to giggle.}

Ain't nowhere around the world that I want to live my life

In Rio

Cause in Rio

Cause in Rio, I realize

I wanna party (party)

I wanna samba (party)

I wanna party (party)

And Fly!

I sung along with Pedro at Pedro's part.

I'm that samba samba masta masta masta masta masta

Who shouts out

Imma get your blaster blaster blaster blaster blaster

You dance fast but I dance faster faster faster faster faster

You're too slow

You need to catch up

You can dance and dance but I,

Nico quickly jumped into his part while grinning at me as I sang along.

I wanna party (party)

I wanna samba (party

I wanna party (party)

I wanna samba (party)

I wanna party (party)

And live my life (my life)

I wanna party (party)

And Fly!

~(Everybody starts cheering)~

Hey, Hey, Hey, Hey, Hey, Hey

(Pedro Squacks)

Hey, Hey, Hey, Hey, Hey, Hey

(Pedro Squacks)

Nico and Blu both spin and fling me and Jewel into the air at the same time as time seems to slow as we flap our wings and fly as high as we can while singing,

Laya, Laya, Laya, Laya,

~(Nico Hums as he joins me in the air and grabs me, twirling me while I still have my eyes closed, continuing to sing as Nico and I dance in the air)~

Laya, Laya, Laya, Laya, Laya, Laya, Laya, Laya

We land and stare into each other's eyes, about to kiss as if we were falling in love again, only for the moment to be ruined as the covers are ripped off from the club as a large group of monkeys storm in.

Back to Business

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Everybody stopped and blocked their eyes for a few seconds, the sudden bright light burning our eyes. Wincing, I turned around to see the monkeys approaching Gilbert, me, Jewel and Blu. "You four are coming with me." The leader of the group said as he glared up at Jewel and Blu as well as me and Gilbert. Jewel and I spat next to his feet. "In your little monkey dreams." Jewel said.

Blu attempted and failed miserably to spit at his feet as well. "That was meant for you!" Blu said. "Hey, hey, can't we all just get along?" Rafael interjected as he slung his wing around the monkey leader, only for him to shove Rafael off. "This isn't your fight, Big-Nose!" He laughed as he swung his hand back, about to smack Rafael until a tall bird quickly grabbed his hand, causing the monkey to gasp. "You mess with my friends, you mess with me!" The tall bird threatened.

"And us!" The rest of us screamed. Everybody was tense, ready to fight as the tension in the air grew. I couldn't help but roll my eyes at the monkey who was setting the mood, playing a drum in the background. Finally, Pedro yelled, "BIRDS VERSUS MONKEYS!" as everybody started charging towards each other.

Jewel and Blu were working as a team with their chain, the tall bird easily squishing monkeys under his feet, Rafael using his beak to knock out monkeys with one loud 'Thunk'. As Gilbert and I were also teaming up and fighting off monkeys, I didn't notice a monkey running up behind me until I felt something splash against the back of my head. Looking up, I saw a smashed grape on the monkey's face as he fell to the ground while rubbing the grape out of his eyes. Looking towards the direction the grape was thrown, I smiled and winked at Nico, who was smirking and winked back at me before he continued throwing grapes with Pedro at the

monkeys that were trying to sneak up on anyone.

Hearing the trolley, Jewel quickly ushered us. "We gotta go!" But as we started running towards the trolley, monkeys started surrounding us everywhere. Jewel and I were side by side, Gilbert and Blue side by side behind us as we all started backing up into each other as the monkeys started closing in on us.. "Need a lift?" A voice suddenly said as we all felt our chains being lifted and we suddenly found ourselves being dangled from the air.

A monkey quickly grabbed onto Blu's wing, and I watched as all the monkeys started grabbing onto each other's feet until the last monkey held onto an electric wire, stopping the tall bird in his tracks as he tried pulling us away from them. I spotted Nico as he gasped and took off his cap, flinging it at the monkey that was clinging onto Blu and hitting its target, making the monkey let go. I smiled at Nico as he cheered "Take that you funky monkey!"

The tall bird then flinged us onto the trolley as we all swiftly landed on our feet. "Thank you!" Blu called behind us at the kind bird. "Anytime!" He called back as he began flying away. "That's what I'm talking about!" Pedro cheered as he, Nico, and Rafael all joined us on the trolley. "Man, we threw down!" Blu cheered. "Yeah, we threw down!" Jewel agreed.

"You guys were all like fire and ice!" Rafael cheered as he looked at all four of us. "Thunder and lightnin'!" Nico cheered as we high fived, high-fiving Gilbert as well. "Hip 'n' hop!" Pedro said. "Cheese and sprinkles!" Blu chipped in, making everyone pause and stare at him at the foreign wording. "It's a Minnesota thing.." Blu said, causing everyone to resume their laughter. "You see? Nothing you say makes any sense!" Rafael exclaimed as we all cheered and laughed.

Romance with a side of Humor

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The scenery was gorgeous as me and Nico were snuggling, Gilbert trying to sit as far away from us as he could to give us our space. "Psst!" Rafael's whispering caught all of our attention as we looked at him, seeing him gesturing a 'get closer!' to Blu, only for Blu to wave him off as he said "Don't worry, I got it!" I couldn't help but laugh as Blu lost his nerve and ended up embarrassing himself when he started showing off how sweaty he was, making Jewel feel awkward.

"Yep. That's your boy, alright." Gilbert laughed.

I smiled as Nico pulled me in closer, feeling my head land on his soft chest as he rested his head on my head. "I'm so glad you're back, meu amor. (my love) I missed you so much.. Y'know, that swallow would not leave me alone so I just changed my schedule to try to avoid her." Nico sadly laughed. "Oh, I'm so sorry, honey. I'll never leave you again, ever." "I hope so.." Nico said as he sighed and laid his head on top of mine, leaving the air silent besides Blu and Rafael talking in the background as we cuddled.

Our cuddling session was cut off as we looked up at the sound of Pedro flying. "Alright, I'm on it. I know how to set the mood. Check it out! Get it-get it-get it-get it-get it-get it girl! Get-ge-get-ge-get it girl! Take her, take her to the flow! Show her, show her how you roll! Drop it! Drop it! Drop it low! Drop it, d-drop it low!" I winced at Pedro's rapping that was not setting the mood. "Woah, woah, woah! What kind of mood is that?" Rafael questioned in disbelief. "Pedro, Pedro, a little too aggressive." Nico said as he got up, leaving me pouting as he flew to Pedro.

"Not hatin' on your creativity, but I think I got this one. Follow my lead." He then took his cap off as he started whistling a gorgeous melody I never heard before. "Now, that's more like

it." Rafael nodded as he took off to bump the trees and make the pink petals fall around us. Pedro strummed the trolley strings as a guitar as I flew over to Nico, the chain stretching just enough in the opposite direction from where we were originally sitting. He put his cap on as he began singing, grabbing my wings and dipping me, beginning our slow dance while Pedro continued to strum the 'guitar'.

"Wasn't really thinking, wasn't looking, wasn't searching for an answer. In the moonlight. When I saw your face. Saw you looking at me, saw you peeking out from under moon beams. Through the palm trees. Swaying in the breeze~" "Oh Nico.." I sighed with love as I pecked him on the cheek. "You are my one true love, (Y/N)." He said to me before he dipped me and kissed me, making my heart swoon before we continued slow dancing as he resumed his singing.

"I know I'm feeling so much more than ever before. And so I'm giving more to you than I thought I could do. Don't know how it happened, don't know why but you don't really need a reason. When the stars shine. Just to fall in love. Made to love each other, made to be together for a lifetime. In the sunshine. Flying in the sky. I know I'm feeling so much more than-"

We were cut off as Pedro came over and tapped us on the shoulders. Standing back up straight, our jaws dropped at the sight we beheld where Jewel was giving Blu the Heimlich. "Yep, that's my boy." Rafael sighed in defeat as he re-joined us. I laughed when Nico imitated a bomb falling and exploding.

Freedom

When we finally reached Luiz's garage, Rafael hopped up to it excitedly. "Ladies and gentlemen, I give you Luiz's garage!" We watched as Blu and Jewel thumped heads when walking in and started what sounded like an awkward conversation. "Luiz! Are you here?" Rafael called out into the empty space. "Luiz? Hey, buddy. I got some friends I want you to meet."

All of a sudden a pitbull came out of nowhere, chasing after Jewel and Blu while barking. Nico and Pedro screamed as Nico grabbed me and dragged me a safe distance away, Gilbert stumbling from behind. Suddenly it was quiet tension as the bulldog growled as he stared Jewel and Blu down, until suddenly laughter erupted from him as he said "I got you good!"

Rafael laughed as he approached them. "Hey, Luiz! Stop scaring my friends." "Wait, that's Luiz?!" I questioned. "Yeah." Pedro answered as we re-joined the group. "Well if he's your friend that you already know then why'd y'all scream and run away?" "C-Cause it startled us.." Pedro twiddled his feathers. "Yeah!" Nico quickly said. "Oh meu deus, (Oh my god,) I'm starting to wonder if Jewel could do a better job protecting me from danger since she doesn't run screaming from everything.."

"What'd you say, babygirl?" Nico questioned. "N-Nothing." I stuttered, Nico catching me off guard. "Mhm.." Nico hummed as he turned away with a mischievous glint in his eyes. Ignoring Nico's smirk and shaking myself off, I quickly hopped up to Blu, Jewel, and Gilbet, who were waiting for me on a platform, suddenly feeling ashamed of myself for making Gilbert probably feel awkward and weird all those times he had to sit as far away from me as he could.

"Hey, Gill?" "Yeah, (Y/N)?" "I-I'm sorry, if I ever made you feel uncomfortable for practically shoving you away and-" "Hey, no

worries, sis! Like I said before, I completely understand. I used to have a girlfriend at some point until she cheated on me, but during my time with her I was so mean to Blu, I'm glad you're not mean like I was."

I smiled in relief. "Aw jeez, thanks for understanding." "Of course!" We then followed Jewel and Blue onto some sort of weird platform as it raised us onto a table. The platform lowered back down as soon as we all stepped off of it, Jewel and Blu in front with me and Gilbert in back. I heard the platform raising again, turning around to find Luiz with a mask sitting atop his head as he stepped onto the table.

"Uh, are you sure this is safe?" Blu spoke up as we all gulped, glimpsing at the saw. "Oh sure, there's nothing to it." Luiz said before putting on the mask, his voice muffling. "Now if something goes wrong, scream really loud, because I can't hear too good with this thing on! Hey, Raffie, hit the switch, please!" "Don't worry, he's a professional!" Rafael tried to calm our nerves as he pulled the switch down, making the saw come to life, scaring everyone.

I watched as Nico quietly gasped, lifting his cap to his eyes to block out the horrific sight as he leaned onto Pedro. "Now, try not to move! I can't really see out of this thing either!" Luiz shouted before he then began pushing us all towards the saw, Blu and Jewel gasping as their wings began flapping frantically. After a few steps, Luiz slipped on his own spit, accidentally shoving us. Freaking out, Jewel immediately flew up to try to get away from the danger, but not being able to fly much, she grabbed onto the ceiling lamp while Blu dangled, getting one of his head feathers cut off by the saw, barely missing his head.

Following Jewels lead, I quickly flew up and clinged onto the lamp as well, Gilbert missing the saw as well. Losing our balance, we both let go when the lamp swung towards us, Luiz's helmet having been cut off somehow so we all flung towards him, both of our chains getting stuck in his teeth as we were all dangling off the table. I felt disgusted when I felt his slobber slip through the chain and go all over my foot, but

gasped with happiness when I felt myself slip as I landed on the floor with a slightly painful thud.

I immediately shot up, flying over to Nico, the saw having stopped by now when Luiz spit our chains out towards it. "Nico! Meu amor! Meu bebê! Minha luz, meu raio de sol, meu tudo! Veja! Veja veja!!!" (Nico! My love! My baby! My light, my sunshine, my everything! Look! Look look!!!) I shouted with happiness as I showed off my slobbered foot, earning an "Ew" from Nico and Pedro as they both flinched away from it, but I smiled when I saw Nico was still smiling at me, absolute happiness sparkling in his eyes from all the names I just called him.

"Not the slobber, but the chain! Look! The chain is gone!! I'm free!!" I shouted as I spotted a hole in the roof and immediately took off through the hole, Nico and Pedro quickly flying after me as we all just started flying in circles and backflips, Jewel and Rafael shortly joining us. "I'm flying, flying like a bird!" Jewel sung. "Jewel but you are a bird!" Pedro said, making us all laugh as we continued to cheer and fly in circles.

The Argument

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Eventually Jewel and I remembered Blu and Gilbert, causing us to stop in our tracks and swoop down to check on them. "Hey, where are you guys going?" I asked as Jewel and I landed behind Gilbert and Blu's slowly retreating forms. When Blu hesitated but continued walking away, Jewel took a few steps forward and tilted her head as she questioned him. "Blu? Blu, what's wrong?"

Blu stopped, causing Gilbert to stop as well as Blu turned around while Gilbert stared at the ground, refusing to turn around. "Nothing. Everything's perfect. You'll be off to the rain forest. I'll be back with Linda. Just like we planned." "Gilbert..?" I asked in a soft voice as I looked to my long lost brother who slowly started to turn around and face us. "I..." Jewel started, only to be cut off by Nico as him and Pedro flew down to join us, standing atop a stop sign.

"Hey birds! Stop yapping and start flappin'! Let's go!" Nico cheered as he slung his wing over Pedro and waved his other wing. "I... I... I guess I thought maybe..." Jewel stammered as she looked at the ground. "What? That you...you'd come to Minnesota? Great, I guess I'll knit you a scarf." Blu quipped. "No, that's not what I meant." Jewel tried to correct him and herself. "Hey, let's all calm down here now, okay? We can think of something."

I tried to jump in and calm things down before anybody's feelings got anymore hurt. "Really, (Y/N)? Because you sure weren't thinking about anybody else but yourself when you kept making everyone uncomfortable while you were doing whatever with your little boy-toy." Gilbert then quipped at me, his head finally raised from the ground and instead glaring at me. "Hey!" Nico shouted as he flew down to my side and put his wing around me, pulling me into him. I filled with fury as I

pushed myself out of his grasp and stomped up to Gilbert, jabbing a feather (finger) at him as I shouted, "Oh yeah? Well at least I'm not an asshole!" I almost slapped him if it weren't for Nico hugging me back to him, away from Gilbert.

"Look, Jewel, I can't spend my life walking around following you wherever you're going." Blu stated. "Hey, it's not my fault you can't fly." Jewel raised her voice. Pedro looked at me and Nico as he said "Awkward.." Jewel and I were both staring at the ground, upset. Blu was staring at the ground, not knowing what to say, and Nico and Gilbert were having a glaring contest.

Rafael then landed in-between us and the two Minnesota birds, attempting to calm things down. "Okay, okay. You know what? This is good. Let's just clear the air. Be completely honest with each other." "You want honesty?" Blu turned around towards Jewel and Rafael. "Fine, fine, I can be honest. I don't belong here! In fact, I never even wanted to come here in the first place!" "Yeah! I didn't wanna be in this god-forsaken place! I'd much rather be back home, not knowing about my god-awful forgetful sister!" Gilbert shouted. "A-And.. And... And you know what? I hate samba!" Blu finished.

~*Third Person POV*~

Jewel, Raphael, and (Y/N) gasped as Nico grabbed (Y/N)s wing and started crying into it. "Hey! That's a little too far.." Pedro quipped in when he saw his best friend so upset while (Y/N) tried to soothe Nico by rubbing circles in his back and petting his head. "Make the mean bird take it back!" Nico cried to (Y/N) as he lifted his head, his eyes filled with tears before he went back to crying into (Y/N) 's wing. Poor Honey.. Samba is his life. (Y/N) death-glared Blu and Gilbert, a flame flashing within her eyes before quickly disappearing, making Gilbert gulp with regret, Blu not even catching it. "Yeah, I said it! Every song sounds the same! Tiko tako ya-ya-ya! Tiko Tako ya-ya-ya!"

Blu groaned as he dragged his wings down his face before waving everyone off as he turned around and started walking

away. "I'm tiko tako out of here." Gilbert spit at (Y/N) 's feet as he turned around and joined Blu in retreating away from the angry and heart-broken birds. "Fine! See you around, PET!" Jewel shouted before flying off in the opposite direction. "No, no! Wait, wait, wait! Come back! You belong together. You are Juliet to his Romeo!" Rafael called after Jewel.

Seeing that Nico has calmed down, (Y/N) pecked him on the cheek before she took off after her best friend, easily catching up as they both cried together, having nobody else around to see the originally-spirited birds now broken. "Sure, they both die in the end.. But you get my point!" Rafael tried calling after Jewel, only for it to all be in vain. "Oh, young love. Always so melodramatic.." Rafael then turned to Nico and Pedro. "Alright, boys, go after her." The duo took off after (Y/N) and Jewel's retreating forms.

~* (Y/N)' s POV*~

"Ju-Ju.. Do you wanna talk about it..?" I asked. "I-" Jewel was cut off and I gasped as we found ourselves being grabbed by those same talons that tried taking us that night, that same cockatoo that pretended to be a wounded bird so he could sneak into the building we were in so he could get closer to us and kidnap us. "Going somewhere, pretty birdies?" Nigel said as he lowered his head to us. "Oh yeah! I was just on my way to CLAW YOUR EYES OUT!" Jewel screamed as we both clawed at him, making him let go of us.

He looked like he was about to pounce, and just as me and Jewel charged in for another strike, he tricked us as he quickly lifted himself, catching both of our feet in each of his feet as he tsked. "Temper, temper. Now come along, my dearies, we're going to a parade. And everybody loves a parade." He said to us, watching us struggle before he let out one of his weird, crazy laughs as he quickly flew off, the air making our bodies trail being his, nothing we can do but flail our wings.

The last thing I saw was Nico and Pedro trying to go after us. As we retreated farther and farther, they stopped and retreated. I lost all hope.

Caged

~*Third person's POV*~

After witnessing the exchange while trying to reach them, Nico and Pedro watched as Nigel flew off swiftly with (Y/N) and Jewel struggling in his talons, too slow to be able to catch up. "Hey! Get back here! Ain't nobody mess with a friend of Pedro! I ain't having it! It's on!" Pedro shouted as he did kicks in the air while he and Nico just watched their forms retreating.

Nico's eyes were focused on Nigel's big talons, large enough to wrap around Nico's whole body as they were currently holding (Y/N)s and Jewels feet, making it hard for them to try to escape as they could do nothing but flail, which was doing nothing to the bird's steel grip. "What are you-- on?! Did you see the talons on that guy?!" Nico gasped when he finally teared his eyes away from (Y/N) 's pleading eyes and turned back to Pedro. "Talons? Maybe it's on, next time." Pedro said as the duo began to shout "RALFIEEEE!" and "Blu! Gilbert! Help!!" as they began retreating back to Raphael, Blu, and Gilbert.

~* (Y/N) 's POV*~

I struggled, but it was all useless. Looking down, I could see humans everywhere, some dressed as birds as different bird floats were slowly driving through the roads as everyone was cheering or dancing, just like they were when I first met Nico. Eventually reaching a horrible looking chicken float, Nigel dived into it, slamming me and Jewel into a cage as he quickly locked it before I could slam my body against the door, Jewel death glaring at him. "Two down, two to go." Nigel said as he smirked at us. "You'll never find them!" Jewel shouted. "They're already gone." I sighed as I slumped to the floor. "Oh, I don't need to find them. They'll find you." Nigel said before flying off to who knows where. I looked back to Jewel, seeing the hope leaving her eyes. Sighing, I snuggled into her side as

we lost hope, waiting for our impending doom.

What felt like an eternity later, I awoke from my half-asleep state at the sound of someone landing in front of my cage. Immediately glaring at the person, thinking it was Nigel, I stopped in my tracks when I saw it was Nico. "Nico, what are you doing here? I- I thought you ran away!" I said, refusing to let the tears surface. "Meu amor, (my love) I'd never run from you. We're here to rescue you-"

He was cut off as I watched in terror as he, Pedro, and Rafael suddenly got grabbed and shoved into an open cage that was sitting in the corner. "Oh, look. We have some guests!" I watched in horror as Nigel locked their cage before flying off back to his camping spot. "Y-Yeah you better run!" Pedro shouted after Nigel's fleeting form. "Oh meu amor, (my love) you shouldn't have gotten yourself caught. You should've ran and stayed away.."

I sighed as Nico and I stared at each other through our cages, the space between us feeling like a canyon. "We were all coming to save you and Jewel, meu anjo." (my angel) I watched as Nico sighed and grabbed the bars with his wings, sliding down into a sitting position while still facing me. I jumped as I heard Blu's voice whispering. "Hey, Jewel, (Y/N) ?"

"Blu!" Jewel gasped. "I'm gonna get you guys out of here." Blu said with determination as he started fiddling with the lock. Gilbert was standing guard until he walked next to Blu and smiled at me. "No, no! You can't be here!" Jewel furiously whispered. "You have to go!" I tried telling them. Jewel began warning them, "Nigel is..." She was cut off as Nigel came in from nowhere and grabbed Blu and Gilbert, immediately throwing them into an open cage that was right next to ours and locking it up. "Ah nao.." (Oh no..) I sighed. "Hello, pretty birds. So kind of you to join our little soiree." Nigel smirked.

Not seeing Raphael, Pedro, and Nico locked up in the cage in the other corner, Gilbert said with confidence "Oh, come on! You really think we came alone? I got three of the roughest,

meanest, craziest birds in all of Rio behind me!" "Woohoo! You hear that guys?! We're saved! That's right! That's right! That's right!" Pedro cheered with happiness as he started dancing. "Uh... I think he means us." Nico sighed as he sadly looked down at the floor.

"Oh." Pedro said in disappointment as he slumped, stopping his happy dancing and cheers. "Ah, love." Nigel sighed as he stuck his foot into mine and Jewel's cage, ripping a feather from me while also picking up one of Jewels fallen feathers, causing me to gasp in pain. "Ow!!" I rubbed the spot where he stole my feather. "It's such a powerful and stupid thing." Nigel said as he picked up one of Blu's fallen feathers and ripped one of Gilbert's feathers off, staring at the feathers in his talon before flying off to the front where the humans were. "Are you alright, meu amor? (my love?)" Nico asked, looking at me with a worried face. "Yeah, it'll grow back. Just hurts a bit.." I sighed as I rubbed the throbbing spot to soothe the pain.

Freedom... Again!

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Shortly after we were all loaded onto a plane, there was a bump that rattled the cages and startled everyone, but other than that everyone was depressed, our hopes lost. "Sorry, Eva, I'm not gonna be home for dinner." Rafael sighed. Hearing Blu grunt, we all looked at him to find him trying to stretch out a cord to his cage, Nico and Pedro immediately rushing to the other side of their cage as they watched Blu intensely.. "What are you doing?" Jewel asked. "I'm gonna pop this cage open like a soda can." Blu said with determination as he started ramming his body into his cage, eventually knocking off the fire extinguisher that was next to it, making the cage top pop open enough for Blu and Gilbert to slip through.

"Now that's popping!" Nico cheered, the fire reigniting in everyone's eyes as Blu opened our cage. I immediately flew over to the guys cage, unlocking it as Pedro and Rafael quickly flew out to help with unlocking the other bird's cages. Nico immediately tackled me in a hug. "I am never gonna lose you again, meu anjo. (my angel)" "You better, or I might be shaking my tail feathers for someone else." I joked, giving him a quick kiss before we joined the rescue and helped unlock everybody else's cages. When the hatch opened, everybody, including Raphael, Nico, Pedro, and Gilbert all flew to freedom while I stayed behind with Jewel, trying to help convince Blu to escape while he still could.

Jewel and I gasped as Nigel came from nowhere and tackled Blu to the ground. Recovering from our shock, we both immediately tried jumping at Nigel, only for him to toss us back. Our bodies harshly crashed against the wall, our heads giving a huge thump, dazing us as our wings spread, mine being right above Jewel's, comforted to know she was still with me when I felt her twitch. Suddenly, a cage fell on top of our wings, breaking them. "My wing!" Jewel said in pain while I

cursed, "Filho da puta!!" (Son of a bitch!), trying but failing to lift the cage.

"Oh, pity! Now we have three useless, flightless birds." Nigel smirked, choking Blu. I watched, half-dazed, as Blu grunted until he managed to grab the fire extinguisher and hook it to Nigel's foot, making him go flying. Pedro and Nico flew in at that moment, managing to get the cage off of our wings. "Oh meu anjo, o que aconteceu?" (Oh my angel, what happened?) Nico gasped as he held me in his wings. "That damned Nigel.." I sighed as I glared at the hole in the window where Nigel went. Suddenly the plane made a jerk as alarms started blaring and we all felt ourselves falling, the plane pointing downwards.

The wind was so strong we were all starting to slip towards the open hatch. !!If your a big bird: Nico and Pedro used all their strength to lift me out of the airplane.!! !!Or if your a small bird: Nico carefully held me in his feet as he and Pedro quickly flew out.!! My heart broke as I saw Jewel fall out of the plane, Blu falling shortly afterwards. As Nico was flying towards the land, I couldn't look away as I watched their falling forms. Jewel kissed Blu, making him so happy and excited that he just.. Connected to flying as his wings spread and he flew right before they hit the water, causing Jewel's tail to drag in the water as Blu started lifting them back up into the air.

"Ya-hoo!" I cheered and jumped, jostling Nico a bit. "Hey baby girl settle down, I don't wanna drop you." "Ai sorry love, I couldn't help myself. Blu managed to grab Jewel and fly!" "That's great!" Nico cheered as he turned and started following Blu, eventually landing on the ground next to Blu where a pair of humans dressed as Spix Macaws were kneeling over Jewel and Blu. I recognized the male as the same doctor that found me and Jewel lying unconscious in front of his lil bird hospital.

Jewel still didn't trust him, Blu having to reassure her. I tensed, Nico standing protectively in front of me, only for Gilbert to land next to us and reassure us. "You can trust them, they'll heal you." Deciding to trust his word, I used my good

wing to tap Nico on the leg. "Meu amor, (my love) it's okay. I trust them." Nico silently stepped aside as the female carefully picked me up, the male's hands holding Jewel.

A few months later...

Me and Jewel grew to trust them, smiling at the humans as they held us in their hands, outstretching their arms as me and Jewel lifted our wings and flew, our wings now fully healed. Nico immediately caught up to me, him having stayed with me the whole entire time throughout my recovery with the humans.

"Meu anjo, voce esta bem!!" (My angel, you're okay!!) Nico cheered with a huge smile on his face as he nuzzled me. "Sim meu amor. Estou feliz por ter me recuperado." (Yes my love. I am happy to have recovered.) I sighed with happiness, overjoyed with the familiar feeling of the wind under my wings. I smiled at Jewel as she and Blu passed us, circling each other with goofy smiles on their faces.

"Oh, meu amor (my love), I got this for you." "Hm?" I asked as I looked back to Nico. He lifted one of his feet, a beautiful small white flower being held in his talons. "Oh meu precioso amor (Oh my precious love), you truly are one of a kind!" I sighed as I lowered my head, letting him be able to tuck it into my feathers at the side of my head. "You look so gorgeous, with your (insert color) feathers and shining (insert color) eyes.." Nico breathed out as we stared into each other's eyes.

Everything else in the world slowed as we leaned in and kissed, the moment feeling so magical. "You are the shining sun to my day, meu amor." I said as he grabbed me and dipped me. "And you are the glittering moon to my night, meu anjo. (my angel)" Nico sighed as we kissed once more.

BONUS

After everyone spent their energy and were all sitting on the railing, Blu hugging Jewel, Nico hugging (Y/N), and Gilbert standing a small distance away as they all stared at the night sky, a memory suddenly popped up into (Y/N)'s mind. "Hey, Gilly?" "Yeah, sis?" Gilbert hummed quietly as he tore his eyes away from the sky to see his sister staring at him questioningly. "How'd you learn to fly, anyways?"

"Let's just say while you guys were busy with your significant other's, I had my own love visiting me." "Really? So did she kiss you too and you just suddenly connected to flying when everyone was flying from the plane?" I asked. "Well, yeah, pretty much." Gilbert shrugged. "But we didn't see you with Blu..?" Nico questioned as he tilted his head in confusion. "No, I left with her and all of the other birds." "Oh.." I said. "Yeah, she's one of a kind.." Gilbert said dreamily as he sighed. "Where is she now?" "I asked." "Who knows.." Gilbert sighed as he stared into the night sky.

"Hey, love?" I asked Nico while squinting at one particular white star. "Yes, anjo?" (angel) Nico asked. "Doesn't that star look like it's growing closer..?" I asked as I pointed to the steadily growing closer star. Suddenly, the star dived down in a flash of white and black. Turning around to the kissing noises, I saw a snowy plover had dived onto Gilbert and they were both enjoying each other's company, completely forgetting about everything else.

"Oh lordy.." I sighed as we all got up and flew to the complete opposite side of the small hut, where we couldn't hear them making out. "Well, I guess now we know who Gilbert's significant other is.." Nico chuckled as he kissed me before we continued to cuddle and enjoy the night sky.

!!!The End!!!